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REFS: A. BANGKOK 18097
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C. STATE 142236

1. WE REITERATE RTG INSISTENCE ON BEING KEPT FULLY INFORMED
ON US OPERATIONS FROM THAILAND AND ABSOLUTE REQUIREMENT
THAT WE OBTAIN ADVANCE RTG APPROVAL FOR ANY NEW OPERATIONS
(REF A). UNDER THE NEW GOVERNMENT IT MAY ALSO TAKE MORE
TIME TO OBTAIN DECISIONS, ESPECIALLY IF CONTEMPLATED NEW
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OPERATIONS BY US MILITARY FORCES FROM THAI BASES ARE VIEWED
BY RTG AS LEAVING THEM OPEN TO HOSTILE CRITICISM FROM
NEIGHBOR COUNTRIES, INCLUDING DRV.

2. SUCH A PROGRAM WOULD BE USE OF THAILAND FOR LAUNCHING
BALLOONS TO CARRY LEAFLETS TO NVA FORCES AS CONTEMPLATED
EARLIER THIS YEAR. IF THIS IS INCLUDED IN PROJECT
MENTIONED PARA 4 (C), REF B, WE WOULD HAVE TO REOPEN SUBJECT
WITH RTG AND, AS RECOGNIZED IN PARA 3, REF C, WOULD NEED
SUBSTANTIAL LEAD TIME.

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